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The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1318 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael Michaud  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1724 Longworth HOB  
Washington D.C. 20525

Dear Congresswoman Pingree and Congressman Michaud:

I am in receipt of your May 19, 2014 letter to Brigadier General Campbell requesting a briefing regarding the National Guard. As Commander-in-Chief of the Maine National Guard, I would be pleased to meet with you on this matter. Appropriate National Guard leadership will be present to address any technical questions.

As you may be aware, the Obama Administration has proposed dramatically cutting the size the National Guard and is developing a number of changes to the overall National Guard structure. The Maine National Guard is analyzing the various proposals and ramifications of cuts, growth, and/or force restructuring here in Maine.

I am bothered about an assertion in your letter to General Campbell. You noted you are requesting an in-person meeting "given the manner in which the news broke..." I am concerned that, in fact, "the way the news broke" was at least in part your staff leaking correspondence to the Portland Press Herald from General Campbell. I would appreciate if future communications of this nature not be used as political fodder or be leaked to the media. This type of behavior is not in the best interest of the citizens of Maine or the Nation.

Please have your staff contact my office to schedule a time for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor, State of Maine

CC: Senator Susan Collins  
Senator Angus King  
Brigadier General Campbell



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